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Briefs

Newark establishes critical incident team for police, fire

NEWARK — The City of Newark has established a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) team for personnel of the Police and Fire Departments. Mayor Sharpe James has announced. The team was created to help the City's firefighters and police officers deal with stress following a critical incident such as a fire or the high-speed chase, as well as the stress they face in their personal lives.

Rhona Fischer, the City's volunteer coordinator, led the team members on their own time on weekends. Training has included problem identification, listening skills, intervention techniques and a basic understanding of emotional first aid. Throughout the training, the importance of confidentiality is stressed.

East Orange receives funding for street improvements

EAST ORANGE — Mayor Cordell Cooper announced that an improvement and reconstruction program for the city streets has commenced. These improvements have been made possible as a result of the city's receipt of approval for approximately \$1.16 million in funding from the New Jersey State Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act, a Community Development Block Grant, New State discretionary funding and the Safe and Clean Street Act.

Newark Council expands Urban Enterprise Zone

NEWARK — The Newark Municipal Council has adopted a resolution that will expand the boundaries of Newark's Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) to its borders along 13 main corridors. The newly created zone will largely affect the East Ward, where for the first time, the Down Neck area will be included. Additional extensions in the north, south and west wards will expand the zone to the Belleville, Bloomfield, South Orange and Irvington borders.

Payne to hold hearings on abandoned infants

NEWARK — Tenth District Congressman Donald Payne will hold a Congressional hearing on legislation to address the needs of infants who have been abandoned at birth. The term "boarder babies" has been used to describe these infants because of the amount of time many are forced to live in hospitals.

The hearing, which is open to the public, will be held Friday, May 10, at 10 a.m. in the first floor conference room at the United Hospitals Medical Center, Annex Building, located at 15 South 9th Street in Newark. All interested citizens are encouraged

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Racism charged at the NJ Highway Authority

by L. Michelle Odom

WOODBRIIDGE — "Institutional racism is alive and well at the New Jersey Highway Authority," asserted Commissioner Julian K. Robinson, referring to the lack of minority representation in management positions in the agency. "Blacks and Hispanics need not apply, except occasionally when there's a job like affirmative action officer," Robinson said, describing the message being sent by this agency.

Robinson, the only African American to serve on the Highway Authority's eight-person Board of Commissioners, has spoken out many times about the

pattern of discrimination in hiring for this public agency.

Most recently, he was the sole vote against the creation of a new position — security manager for the Garden State Arts Center. He charges the position had already been advertised among "a very select group of law enforcement personnel," which did not include any African Americans or Hispanics.

The security manager would be responsible for training and supervising 40 or 50 state troopers as seasonal guards for the Arts Center. The position pays about \$800 a week, and, said Robinson, is an ideal job for a soon-to-retire state trooper.

His objection to creating this

position is based on personal knowledge that the position was discussed with troopers in predominantly white areas of the state, where no black or Hispanic troopers have been on the force long enough to be near retirement.

If the Highway Authority were serious about recruiting minority candidates, Robinson believes they would publicize the opening in Newark and Jersey City.

"The situation with this new

position is that it highlights an emerging problem," said Robinson, "and the Chairman is not showing the kind of concern that I think a chairman should show."

What really brought Robinson's objections to a head was the

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Newarkers approve \$495.9 mil budget

by Terri Guess

NEWARK — Voters in the city approved a \$82.7 million city share of a proposed \$495.9 million budget for the next school year to be paid directly by local taxpayers, a school board bond issue for school facilities, and three school board members were selected during elections April 30.

The local share of \$82.7 million will be paid by local taxpayers for operating expenses.

Reports stated the local share of the budget decreased \$2.5 million, but the overall budget is up from this year's \$423 million including Quality Education Act (QEA) funds intended to equalize educational opportunity in "special needs" districts, including Newark.

Under the QEA, the district will receive an additional \$32 million in state aid.

Reports stated Mayor Sharpe James criticized the proposed budget because the board is not producing children who meet basic skills requirements with the present budget, and while the budget continues to increase the children continue to perform poorly on standardized tests.

City Rescue Squad might have to be rescued

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — Safety officials updated the current status of the city's volunteer rescue squad, at the April 29 City Council's agenda fixing session. "The squad's performance in March was dismal," stated Fire Chief Henry Lariccia who also said that sometimes service is non-existent. A major problem the squad has had to deal with is 6500 calls a year with a staff of only seven members. Allegedly 60% of the calls were residents using the squad as a "taxi service" to get to the emergency room at Muhlenberg. The committee found that this situation was still occurring.

The public safety committee which reviewed the volunteer organization's actions and responses consisted of Lariccia, Public Safety Director Leon Adams and Police Capt. Richard Berman. The officials feel that the city should seek other means to pro-

vide the city with emergency service. City Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin said that she will

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Other money from the bond issue would be used to build a Malcolm X Shabazz Athletic Field. The continuation of the Modular Classroom construction Program will be included in the project.

Plans to construct a new

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Budget Countdown

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — Finance Director, Nat McBean informed the City Council on the evening of April 29 that his meeting with the state Division of Local Government Services did not answer any of the questions on the transitional bonding issue that the council had been pondering over.

The state agency, instead of approving the \$17.4 million bonding amount and giving the city a better understanding of the terms of the bonds, told the city

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Celebrating 325 years



The City of Newark kicked off its 325th Anniversary Celebration at a recent ceremony in City Hall. During the ceremony, a historic mural of the City, painted by students at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art, was unveiled: shown behind the mural are (from left) Scott Washington, Mark Allen, Coner Laverly, Gardelino Torres, Ingrid Barrientes, students from the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art, Don Miller, art instructor, Steven Lane, and Evan Davis, also students.

Special Mother's Day Tributes

Lou Rawls, Effa Jones, Houston Person at Symphony Hall

NEWARK — WBGO-FM, in association with the Office of the Mayor of Newark, United Negro College Fund, Inc., and Ambrose-Busch Companies, will present an unprecedented Mother's Day Concert featuring Lou Rawls, on Sunday, May 12. Also appearing will be Effa Jones and Houston Person.

The evening will be broadcast live, beginning at 9:00 p.m. from Newark Symphony Hall Terrace Ballroom and will be carried on over twelve National Public Radio (NPR) affiliates across the country. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the support of the United Negro College Fund

Inc., an organization for which

of us. We are also genuinely pleased to share this rare Mother's Day with Lou Rawls, and it is es-

pecially heart-warming that we will have over 100 senior citizens

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A CROWN FOR A QUEEN

A tribute to mothers

Put a crown on the lady's head, was all that the crowd kept saying. The lady just stood there with the humblest look on her face. To her everything that she ever did in life was just another task. When she bore her children, it was only because she wanted them. She taught them everything she knew only because she loved them and felt that they should be independent. She kissed them each morning as they left for school only because education replaced illiteracy and knowing is better than not knowing — it was a sense of pride.

When the children became ill, miraculously they became well again with or without the doctor's help. When the children were sad, she knew where to find a smile. This lady even wiped tears away and gave away many hugs and kisses. This lady was so talented and so special. Sometimes people would say that she was an angel.

This lady married a man and she made him happy, too. She always stood by his side. She believed in him. She taught him the meaning of equality and he did not resist. This man knew that this lady was a good lady. He learned many things from her like, loving, sharing, laughing, crying, falling, starting over, pride, independence, maturity, responsibility and respect. Everything about this lady was good and everyone around could only feel close to her.

The lady never slept all night for the days were not long enough to include all of her chores. She never had time to be sick, for others needed her help. She was most happy when she did things for others. Putting herself first meant making sure that others were happy, because if she cared for and loved were happy then everything was good.

Now it is time to let the lady know everything about her is good. It is time to let the lady know that she is beautiful inside and out. It is time to let the lady know that we respect her and appreciate her and that we learned well the things that we were taught. Most of all, we say to the lady, "We love you."

The crowd encircled the lady on a very special day to show their appreciation for everything that she had done for them. She certainly was no stranger to this crowd and there was not a single person in this crowd that had not been touched by this queen's love. So, they decided to take this day to crown her and to let the world know of her many talents and her good nature. This day is known to everyone with a lady like this in their life ... as Mother's Day.

by Edna Watson
Newark, NJ

Rawls has raised millions of dollars. The UNCF enables students to attend historically black colleges and universities. General Manager of WBGO-FM, Anna Kooof states, "Newark is home to JAZZ 88, and home means, Mom." To spend this day with Mothers from the metropolitan area is special for all

CITY PEOPLE

James proclaims 'Unified EID Committee of NJ Day'



Mayor Sharpe James recently proclaimed "Unified EID Committee of New Jersey Day" in the City of Newark, during a ceremony in his office, in honor of the faith of Islam and the Muslim community's observance of the holy month of Ramadan. The Mayor, center, presented the proclamation to members of the Unified EID committee, from left to right: Imam Hassan W. Muhammad of the Masjid Muhammad of Orange; Imam Ali Muslim of the Masjid Muhammad of Newark; Brother Yusuf Shakur, president of the Muslim League of Voters; and The Honorable D. Bilal Beasley, Councilman, City of Irvington.

Newark Luncheon honors 'Champions of the Desk Set'

NEWARK—As part of its 325th anniversary celebrations, the City of Newark held its Fifth Annual Secretarial Luncheon last week and made more than 600 local secretaries and their guests happy with mini-shopping bags of personal and office goodies.

In Mayor Sharpe James' absence, his chief of staff, Assemblyman Jackie Mattison brought greetings from the city and presented awards to secretarial honorees for the day.

Among the women singled out for special recognition as champions of the desk set, were Sonia Knight, secretary to Glen Grant, Newark's corporation counsel; Donna Seay, administrative secretary to Ed McClucas, director of Land Grant Use and Development; Rose Marie Posella, Mayor James' personal secretary; Cheryl Chance of the Sanitation Department and Mary McGill,

executive secretary at the Newark Museum.

Dolores Henry Metz, an assistant to Mayor James coordinated the activities that included a welcome address by Tanya Adler and a solo by Doris Wooten.

The afternoon's highlight was a display of fur fashions by Steven Corn Furs and more than 40 door prizes for lucky ticket holders that included fur accessories and a stunning rank mink coat, courtesy of the third generation furriers.

Henry-Metz was luncheon chairperson with co-chairs Tanya Adler and Amy Jones. Hostesses for the popular event included Rita Adams, Anne Brown, Cheatem, Walisa Cooper, Barbara Foster, Minsey Gould, Lisa Hamlette, Jennie Hazzard, Mary Komagay, Kelly Leath, Dolores Lewis, Walsie Lewis, Marie Minatoe and Jeanie Palumbo.

Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



Confidence, Sex and Happiness

(NNPA) — A few weeks ago, a reader asked me to write about the most common problems that people want me to help them with. Here are a few more of those problems, along with my brief comments.

What are the most common things that make people lose their mates?

Most breakups occur because one of the mates argues too much, refuses to openly discuss problems, is not sexually compatible, refuses to admit mistakes, is not sensitive to the needs of the other mate, and expects to receive more from the relationship than contribute to it.

How can I get rid of the tension in my body?

To get rid of tension in the body, sit in a comfortable chair. Slowly tighten every muscle in the legs. From the feet to the thighs. Hold the tightness for three to five seconds. Then, instantly relax the muscles. In succession, do the same thing slowly with the stomach muscles, the shoulder and arm muscles, the neck muscles and the facial muscles. Follow this entire procedure every 20 minutes. Eventually, just the thought of the procedure will relax your muscles.

What should I do and what should I not do during the sex act?

Any sexual behavior between members of the opposite sex is deemed acceptable, if it is approved in advance by both individuals, is carried out in the private domain of the involved parties, is not physically injurious to either party, is protected by logical precautions against sexually transmittable diseases, and is considered morally sound by both parties.

How important is astrology? If you believe in astrology

and your friend doesn't, you will probably have problems of philosophical compatibility. Beyond that, astrology is relatively unimportant, many people follow it (even Nancy Reagan did) but there is no acceptable scientific proof to substantiate its validity. It is more of a faith than anything else.

I want to do something very important, but I am too shy to do it. How can I inexpensively build up my confidence?

Buy an inexpensive tape recorder with earphones. Record a message in which you describe yourself actually doing the things that you are afraid to do. Record the message in very positive, vigorous and personal terms. EXAMPLE: "I am walking up to Mary and I feel extremely confident. I have a look of complete confidence on my face. I am walking with vigor, and with my head held high. I know that I will succeed." Listen to this message at least once a day, in a quiet room, with your eyes closed. The message will soon filter down to your subconscious, and change your behavior.

What is the most harmful assumption that people make about other people?

There are many harmful assumptions but some of the major ones are: interpreting a person's kindness as weakness, too frequently expecting something in return for your act of kindness, expecting other people to be perfect, wanting other people to accept your weaknesses but your refusing to accept theirs. This just scratches the surface.

READERS: If you would like to receive a free, easy stress test, send a stamped, self-addressed, legal-sized envelope to Dr. Charles W. Faulkner, P.O. Box 50197, Washington, DC 20004.

Committee of 100 presents awards

by Connie Woodruff

EAST ORANGE—Last week the Committee of 100, sponsors of the annual Essex County Ebony Fashion Fair, presented checks to a dozen organizations involved in fund-raising for non-profits in the Newark area.

Two organizations received checks of \$1,000. They were Newark's International Youth Organization and the United Negro College Fund.

Receiving checks for \$500 were the Bethany Baptist Church

Scholarship Fund, Trinity Episcopal Church's newly established scholarship fund, the Volunteer Food Bank and Meals Program at Messiah Baptist Church, Newark Branch NAACP, Black United Fund, Toy Bureau of the Oranges and the Connie Woodruff Scholarship for Nursing students at Essex County College.

In addition, Ms. Bernice Sanders, the Committee's president, announced the continuation of scholarship assistance for Reginald Collins, Alray Blackman and Allen McMillan three

former Newark Central Ward Boys Club alumni attending college.

The three student recipients are graduates of Shabazz High school and attending college on athletic scholarships. The Committee of 100 is committed to giving them \$500 a year until they graduate.

When the Committee of 100 was organized 32 years ago, it started as a volunteer fund-raising group for the then Third Ward Boys Club and began sponsoring the Ebony Fashion Show its second year in existence.

Sanders said the Committee has earmarked more than \$15,000 for use by the Central Ward Boys Club. "They are our priority," she said. "The Committee was organized to benefit them and the Central Ward will always come first with us. Over the years they continue to need help from their parents and the community and we are proud of the many boys (and now girls) who have developed into successful adults. The Committee of 100 intends to continue this tradition and to help it grow and prosper."

Latin-American music for Mother's Day

NEWARK — To celebrate Mother's Day, the Newark Public Library is offering a musical program featuring Martinez Pezeta. Called "The Sweet Voice of Latin-American Song" by Latin-American press. The recital takes place on Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. in the fourth floor Auditorium.

Martinez Pezeta was born in Uruguay and came to the United States to live at a very early age. She plays the guitar, sings, and writes her own songs.

In addition to folk music, Ms. Pezeta sings "New Latin-American Songs," a relatively new musical movement that combines social-political themes through poetry, traditional folk music, and traditional instruments.

Ms. Pezeta has performed in Mexico, Uruguay, and throughout the United States in theaters, on television. Admission to the program is free. The Library is at 5 Washington Street. For further information telephone 733-7772.

Graham-Brown heads new health association

Mazie Graham-Brown, Plainfield Health Center's Director of Nursing, has been named President of the newly formed Association of Community and Migrant Health Center Nurses of Region II. A division of the U.S. Public Health Service Corps, Region II encompasses New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Graham-Brown said the organization was founded to help nurses become more involved in the inner workings of their respective health centers. "Often nurses don't realize the importance of the work they do; we need a cohesive group to solve common problems collectively," said Graham-Brown. She went on to say, "We've found that many Community Health Service (CHS) nurses have similar problems, for example, following up on patients is sometimes difficult. A lot of our patients are migrant workers or illegal aliens." Participating in the planning of in-service programs separately (for nurses), and collaborating with other Public Health Service organizations for in-services and re-

lated projects are the association's primary goals. Graham-Brown says she is confident that the new association will help CHS centers solve problems that nurses face from first hand experience in delivering public, primary care health services.

There are approximately 700 nurses working in Region II Community Health Centers. The idea for an association grew out of two Region II nurses conferring. The association recently met to elect officers, formulate goals and solicit new members. The officers are President - Mazie Graham-Brown, Plainfield NHC; Vice President - Joan Rahman, Morris Heights HC; Secretary - Katherine Dethenge, A.L. Jordan HC; Treasurer Con Francis, Mt. Vernon NHC; Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands Representative Lydia E. Santiago, CAW, Corozal, N.Y.; State Upstate Representative - Cynthia Horth/Patricia Patton, Oak Orchard, N.J. Representative - Wanda Gordon, H.I. Austin HC. Graham-Brown says Roberta Holder-Mosley, Regional II Nurse Consultant, "helped us

tremendously in getting started."

Graham-Brown says one important goal of the association is to make nurses more visible. And, we want to raise the consciousness of nurses who provide primary care to patients in Community Health Centers that are federally funded. Community health center nurses just take care of patients; they don't know why problems are carried out, and they need to know to be more effective."

Graham-Brown added, "We plan to become a visible, viable and vocal force in the health care delivery system of the CHS. We are dedicated to giving the best possible care to our outpatient population."

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

JERSEY CITY—Fifth annual Cooperative Education Conference, 8:30 a.m., room 202 of Hapburn Hall, 2039 Kennedy Boulevard. Registration is \$25. For further information call 201-547-3005.

WESTFIELD—Eport Garden Club to Meet. Elizabeth Presbyterian Church on First St. and Magnolia Avenue. 1 p.m. For further information call 654-1854.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

JERSEY CITY—"Mystery Math" workshop to co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Library Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hapburn Hall. Information call 201-547-3005.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

WAYNE—Final Speaker Robert H. Bork in lecture series at William Paterson College. 8 p.m. in Shen Center. Tickets \$12. Information call 595-2371.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

NEWARK—Breast cancer detection program at UMDNJ. Free exam, mammogram \$40 for 35 and over. Appointment required call 456-6666 for details.

UNION—The Union County Board of Freeholders will hold a Bike Ride and Safety Clinic for people with disabilities from 10-12:30 p.m. in Norwhegan Park, Clark. For more info call 521-4930.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

GLEN RIDGE—Essex County Group of the Lupus Foundation of NJ having their monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. in Mountaineer Hospital School of Nursing.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 5 p.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Kean College. For information call 201-527-2210.

NEWARK—"The Evolving Cosmos," Newark Public Library "Star" Cardinal Hall 7 p.m. Admission is free. For further information call 733-7793.

MILLBURN—Health Insurance Option for Seniors Explored at information meeting at Millburn Public Library 1 p.m. For information call 1-800-624-4478.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

NEWARK—A pageant revealing the city's founding will take place from noon to 2 p.m. at the "McDaniel" site. Skyrock Place and the McCarter Highway. Mayor James, Councilman Grant and members of the City Council as well as other "notable" newsmen will pay prominent roles in the production.

MOUNTAINEER—The Union County 200 Club Spring Valer Awards Luncheon at 12 Noon, L'Affaire Restaurant, \$4000. Place and the McCarter Highway. Mayor James, Councilman Grant and members of the City Council as well as other "notable" newsmen will pay prominent roles in the production.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

ENGELWOOD—Trip to Black Doll Convention in Philadelphia, PA. Sponsored by the African American Doll Club of NY & NJ. For information call 201-568-4709.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

MOUNTAINEER—Master Gardeners of Union County annual "Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale" from 1-5 p.m. at Tradelle and Science Center, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road. Admission free. For more info call 854-9854.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

NEWARK—Health Insurance Option for Seniors Explored at information meeting at Newark Public Library 1 p.m. For information call 1-800-624-4478.

NEWARK—Public Education Setting sponsored by the Newark Board of Education NY & NJ. For more information call 201-568-4709.

PATERSON—Lecture, Reflections on the life of Malcolm X. Free Public Library 250 Broadway - 7 - 9 p.m. For information call 881-7058.

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Zimbabwe: ten years of independence

The land problem

(NNPA) WASHINGTON, DC — Zimbabwe, one of Africa's newest nations, closed its tenth year of independence on April 18. The country has had a myriad of successes, but to date has been unable to satisfy the most basic demand of the Zimbabwean people: the demand for land.

A quick review of statistics indicates clearly that one of the main goals of Zimbabwe's long bloody war for independence — the "Chimurenga War" as it is popularly known — still has not been met. Of the 162,000 black families in need of land at the war's end in 1979, only 52,000 have been resettled.

Zimbabwe's war, which began in 1966, was fought against a white minority regime which had established an apartheid-like system. The war, fought largely throughout the Zimbabwean countryside was characterized by indiscriminate bombing, brutal attacks on the civilian population, and collective punishment of civilians through confiscation of land, property and goods. The results of the war were horrendous: an estimated 40,000 dead, and incalculable environmental damage from bombing large areas of the fragile grassy countryside. But

despite the terrible costs to the people and the country, it may be a decade or more before land redistribution is successfully completed. The principal constraint to fair land distribution resulted from the Lancaster House Agreement — the cease-fire and peace agreement ending the war. The arrangement imposed a ten year moratorium restricting the government from seizing farms or other property. Purchase was only allowed on a "willing seller/willing buyer" basis.

The Agreement has expired and after much debate the Zimbabwean government passed a constitutional amendment that allows them to "identify" land and pay a fair price for it. The first priority will be utilized land. The law has raised concerns for some white landholders who fear confiscation or inadequate payment.

According to a spokesperson for the Embassy of Zimbabwe, the mechanics of the law are still being worked out and no land has been purchased using it. But perhaps this new change represents the first real step of hope for the remaining 110,000 black families still waiting to realize the dream of land ownership.

South African negotiations flounder!

by Daniel Maroien

(NNPA) — Mandela has threatened the South African racist regime with an ultimatum to withdraw ANC from participating in the long-awaited black-white negotiations! He said that, unless de Klerk's regime halts the violence of faction fights of blacks in the country by May 9, ANC's participation in the white-black negotiations will be withdrawn. Little wonder, Nelson Mandela, who issued this ultimatum, was hauled out of prison fourteen months ago expressly to help democratize South Africa, is eroded. Since his release, no progress has taken place towards that end. In fact, the situation has worsened, and Black violence has spread to the industrial heartland of the country around Johannesburg. Since 1986, the violence has gone on unchecked by the regime, and over 5,000 Blacks have died and more have been wounded from it. All that time, the regime has vacillated between taking drastic action to end the faction fights which are now between hostile inmates. Black leaders are not implicated in these fights, but expect the regime to maintain law and order which is its duty. But the regime does not act, for unknown reasons! Hence,

Mandela's anger and ultimatum.

The violence is apartheid-oriented, and takes place between rival inmates of the regime's hostels, where they are separated into tribes by the laws of apartheid. The fight is known worldwide as black-on-black faction fighting, yet it is in reality, apartheid genocide. Everyone expected apartheid to cause these faction fights when Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd, Prime Minister Danie Malan and their henchmen first institutionalized apartheid. These faction fights are a logical sequel of the institutionalization of apartheid. They are not a creation of Blacks killing other Blacks.

Now, Mandela is disillusioned, browbeaten and perplexed by President de Klerk's failure to live up to his promise to democratize South Africa, and to fail to maintain law and order to stop faction fighting. Instead, de Klerk leaves Mandela, Buthelesi, ANC, INKATHA, PAC and other Blacks to struggle alone to end apartheid in vain! De Klerk has betrayed Mandela, who is now rightly enraged by the regime's failure to maintain law and order, and to stop killings of Blacks by the actions of apartheid.

The propagandists for, and "friends" of South Africa and their media now turn to faulting

the Blacks for the violence, and looming civil war and anarchy in the country. But Mandela's ultimatum is based on fact, and is causing the regime to realize that they are being watched. Black people want peace, freedom and justice, not war. A message from Soweto said last week, "The Afrikaners are rejoicing as never before. They are happy that the blame is now on Blacks, and no longer on themselves for the racism in South Africa!" The faction fights go on because Afrikaners want them to go on...

Time and again, this column pointed out that the South African problem could only be solved through international intervention, not by South Africans alone. The problems of race and racial discrimination are a world responsibility. They cannot be solved solely internally. Who can gain this? The recent Kuwait-Iraq debacle could not be solved by the two countries alone. There had to be external action. But the mass media and South Africa's propaganda would have us believe that Blacks and Whites alone can end apartheid. That's impossible! Besides, apartheidists cannot be their own judge! It's preposterous to think they can...

Since Mandela's release, the power-greedy-National Party led by de Klerk has only dillydallied with the pushing ahead of constitutional negotiations, and made several not-so-effective concessions, but which left apartheid four-square on its main pillars! ANC, on the other hand, sacrificed its arms struggle bargaining chip, a vital concession.

Mankind, end apartheid! It kills! It has turned into a genocide, and has killed and traumatized millions of Africans. Worse of all, it has gone on for too long a time...

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Budget countdown

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they could use the figure only to balance the \$27.8 million budget, and they would have to come back in June to provide the state with a refined list of bond items.

Included on the tentative list of bonding items is \$2 million for a city-wide cleanup, \$700,000 for the city's self-insurance fund, a \$650,000 reserve for tax appeals, \$500,000 for workers compensation plus other items that total up to an additional \$1.29 million.

It was originally thought that the 6-month transitional budget would have to be adopted by April 22, but new adoption might not come until close to the end of the 6-month budget. Councilwoman Fabehem El-Amin aired her frustration with the situation by saying "it sounds as if Trenton doesn't know what it's doing, and we don't know what we're doing; it sounds like they are playing games."

Because the budget has not been adopted yet, the council had to approve a temporary appropriation to cover expenses for the month of May, which amounted to \$2.3 million. The council also approved \$677,719 for the Plainfield Sewer Utility of which \$600,000 would go to the Plainfield Joint Meeting, which is a regional sewer system that the city shares with nine other towns.

Recue Squad

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meet with officials at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center to discuss the probability of a joint-venture to provide ambulance service to the city. Larcenia said that the hospital already had maintenance, a billing mechanism and trained medical technicians and in terms of response, it would be extremely beneficial.

Chin cautioned that although the hospital is equipped to help the city with this problem that it will not be free.

The squad receives \$20,000 for operating costs, from the city and also receives free gas, but the city does not pay for the personnel. Officials estimated in March that if the squad was replaced with a paid service, it would cost the city up to \$500,000, but at the session stated that if the city worked with the hospital \$35,000 could be the tab. Chin said that she would keep the council abreast of her meetings with Muhlenberg.

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EDITORIAL

Young mothers need more assurance on mothering

This Mother's Day, while we celebrate our mothers for their love, sacrifice and guidance, we need to also focus on mothering and giving guidance to the young mothers who have been told, more recently, by society they cannot be responsible for their child's or children's behavior. However, unless all children are taken away from mothers under a certain age who do not have a certain level of maturity, more must be done to teach these young women mothering and self-development skills.

Any young women who becomes pregnant and has a child, whether in her early teens or before she is mature and ready to handle the responsibility, is jeopardizing her future if she is not willing to work hard to overcome many obstacles and barriers. Raising a child is an awesome responsibility that requires patience and caring. I often see young girls in their early teens walking or pulling their young children around the street yelling, "Come on here." "Can't you keep up?" "I'm tired of you crying all the time!" "If you don't shut up, I'm going to whip you!"

Unfortunately, these young mothers, children themselves, have little idea as to the impact of their words or tone on their children. After all, they are caring for their children, often times like they were cared for. Many, however, are just so young their emotional immaturity and lack of education doesn't allow them to respond any other way.

Perhaps on this Mother's Day we ought to recommit to providing these young mothers with parenting and self-development training. We need to help them better understand that many young women before them made the difference in the lives of their children through love, caring, and commitment. They need to know it won't be easy; however, mothering never has been.

by Connie Woodruff

There is no truth to the rumor that Dr. Ralph T. Grant is planning to hold on to the Newark City Council presidency after July 1st when the mantle will be passed to councilman-at-large, Donald Tucker, in accordance with last year's agreement to have rotating presidencies until the next Newark city election.

In an interview, Grant, a Democratic candidate for Sheriff of Essex County, reminded me he was the "architect of the compromise" to have four councilmen serve one year terms as council president.

"I am a man of my word," he emphasized, noting that "whoever started this particular rumor is only seeking to drive a wedge between me and Councilman Tucker, Bradley and Harris who will serve as city council president in that order in the next three years."

Grant assured me his efforts outside the day-to-day council responsibilities, are concentrated on only seeking to drive a wedge between me and Councilman Tucker, Bradley and Harris who will serve as city council president in that order in the next three years.

Denying other rumors he may accept an appointment to a county position, Grant had an emphatic "No way. I already have a job that keeps me busy bringing a better quality of life to the people of

Newark. It is a responsibility I can enhance by addressing the problem of crime from a county-wide perspective because Newark is the largest city in Essex County, and what happens in the surrounding suburbs and neighboring counties impacts on our citizens."

Grant admitted "several suggestions" have been made involving a job as Undersheriff, but said, "I want to be and will be Sheriff." He said he has received a "polite" but noncommittal response to his request that Governor Florio appoint him "acting sheriff immediately." The only other two posts that interest him would be possible only through the resignations of County Executive Tom D'Alesio or Ray Durkin, the popular Essex County Democratic Party chairman.

"If either of these three offices are vacated, now or later," Grant said, "I will be happy to fill in the void. All three positions offer challenge, represent change and give Black leadership a chance for upward mobility in mainstream politics."

But whatever happens between now and the June primary, Grant says he is ready to "pass the torch of council leadership" to Tucker on July 1 and intends to salute "new leadership" at a reception following the swearing-in.

Former Newark municipal judge, Milton Buck had the unpleasant experience of learning first-hand what life is like behind bars when he was arrested for non-payment of support to his former wife last week.

Luckily for Buck, his stint in jail lasted only a few hours by sheriff deputies carrying out orders from Superior Court Judge Peter Cusi of the Chancery Division in Newark following an afternoon hearing.

Apparently Buck could not pay the \$9,000 owed his wife at the time of his arrest and had to spend hours in lock-up until he posted bail and was released.

The unexpected turn of events caused friends and foes alike the corner judge by surprise. Buck and his ex-wife, Gloria, are well known leaders in professional and cultural societies as fund-raisers for organizations like the Newark Boys and Girls Clubs, Newark Museum and N.J. Opera.

Mr. Buck has held such city positions as corporation counsel, chairman and member, Dept. of Higher Education and executive director of the Newark Housing Authority. He is also business administrator for former Mayor Ken Gibson.

There was never a doubt about the re-election of Evelyn Williams and Eleanor George to the Newark Board of Education. Williams, a corrections officer,

cor, doubles as a part-time secretary for Ray Durkin, Essex Democratic leader and George is a firmly entrenched member of the Board where she serves as vice president. So it was a given that these two women would be returned with a safe margin of votes.

However, there was speculation of who would fill the seat vacated by Ivette Alfonso, the lone Hispanic on the Newark Board. It turned out to be another Hispanic woman, Guillemina (Tina) Cruz, a political activist with friends in high places and strong support in the Hispanic community-at-large.

Cruz eked out a victory over Louis Turco, Jr. (3,379-3,039). As expected, the majority of Turco's votes came from the East Ward where his father, Lou Turco, Sr. is the long-time Democratic chairman, who worked hard to turn out the vote for his son. A narrow Cruz victory could be in the offing.

The other interesting Board of Education outcome was in the South Orange-Maplewood District where incumbents Bruce C. Sabatino and Richard Sabatino lost their bids for re-election.

Sabatino Sabatino was the Board president who presided over the most bitter and longest teacher strike in the history of South Orange-Maplewood that refused to die even as a new contract was inked.

LETTERS

Speech and Hearing Month

Dear Editor:

Many babies and preschoolers are among the 720,000 hearing impaired residents of New Jersey. As May is National Better Hearing and Speech Month, I would like to share with you some of my thoughts and experiences from working with these children.

One of my greatest frustrations is enrolling a 3- or 4-year-old child in one of our classes, knowing that the child may be helping him or her from infancy. So much of a child's language and speech development takes place in the first five years that any time lost in not detecting and treating hearing loss can have severe and long-lasting ill effects.

The need for speech and language training is equally as important for the many children who have temporary hearing loss from frequent middle ear infections. These fluctuating hearing losses can add up to a serious delay in speech and language development if remedial training is not sought.

I know that speech and lan-

guage training works because our state-certified school has for 24 years been successfully teaching hearing-impaired youngsters from all over New Jersey to "Speak for Themselves."

A *Speech and Hearing Checklist* is available free from the Summit Speech School that explains what to expect in a normal child's development. The School also offers resource and referral services, free of charge, to anyone who wants additional information on hearing loss.

Readers can obtain the checklist or more information by calling 908-277-3353 or writing to me at 84 Upper Overlook Road, Summit, NJ 07901.

Clair Kantor, M.A.
Executive Director
Summit Speech School

NJ drivers pay for insurance greed

Dear Editor:

The headlines read "Freeze Imposed on N.J.A.U." when they appeared April 19. The story was

that Insurance Commissioner, Samuel Fong, issued a stop payment order for all pain and suffering awards from the Joint Underwriting Association (JUA) claiming a cash flow problem.

It is an indication that other JUA payments such as claims for collision and comprehensive coverage will also be stopped. The check of "cash flow" is the \$32 billion JUA debt is not being reduced and the JUA has all the earmarks of a bankrupt company. The Insurance Company claims "there is no problem." If there is no problem, then why is there a cash flow problem? It comes from the 600,000 to 800,000 uninsured drivers unable to pay for auto insurance they can't afford!

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what is wrong with auto insurance in New Jersey. It is the administration paying the auto insurers and giving false hopes to the 4.2 million N.J. drivers.

This administration is afraid to admit that they and every previous administration for the past eighteen years have been mistaken in their auto insurance policies. The N.J. driver has been made the victim of the insurance companies with the indulgence of the state regulators. The N.J. drivers have been made to pay for the greed of the insurers with their instigation of various false "crises." We need reform — reform of a legislature and administration that turn a "blind eye" to the actions of the insurance industry at the expense of the consumer.

The consumer could correct the problem by replacing the present legislature with new faces in November. We could then hope to receive relief from excessive auto insurance rates.

Martin Berkowitz
Secretary
Assoc. for Fair Auto Insurance Rates

Reader disagrees with Faulkner

Dear Dr. Charles W. Faulkner:

Regarding the article of May 1, 1991 — If I may, I rebut your claim astrology is a brainwash and unequivocally say "No." To quantify my bases for disputing your claim I would suggest this analysis. Place yourself in a vacuum position where scientific conclusions, common sense, and/or your perceived senses are not applicable. For instance, "faith" — it is my purview that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, and that it receives or has the manifestation of that faith in a tangible form "a goal, dream, or

Speak Out

Plainfield's Alternative School

by Edward N. Long

The Board of Education, in coming to grips with the Alternative School issue, is taking the hard approach of trying to remedy a crisis situation. It is true that the students at risk who are attending Union County College should be addressed; however, the problem is much deeper. It doesn't make sense to place those students' custody in Lincoln School back into the educational mainstream when they've already been classified as "special treatment" students with learning disabilities. Time, effort and money were expended to classify those students for Lincoln School and the parents were justified in taking the Board to task for even considering the Lincoln School as the Alternative School issue.

The Board of Education should take an in-depth look at the problem in an attempt to acquire a suitable site for those students deemed "at risk." There are

a number of sites available that can be rendered suitable to house those students in need of an alternative education. There is talk of acquiring the National School Building but it seems as though that idea was scrubbed for some reason. Enough talk about a building let's deal with the real problem — DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS.

The students enrolled at Union College as an Alternative site is just a fraction of the problem which exists in the Plainfield system. The Board should look at the problems of disruptive students in the elementary level, middle schools, as well as the high school, and develop a plan to remedy the whole problem rather than attacking it piecemeal. If the problem was addressed when first surfaced years ago it wouldn't be at crisis proportions at this juncture. Students at Grade level 2, are attentive and eager to learn, but from Grade level 3 and beyond there is a drastic change

in behavior, attitude, and learning aptitude. The Board should investigate and find out the cause of the problem and remedy it quickly. The recent School Board election should have sent a message that the citizens are no longer going to tolerate a Board that is penny-wise and pound foolish. The School Board budget is \$56M and with that kind of money there is no reason why this state's educational system should not be excellent.

The Citizens' School Budget Advisory Committee in rendering its report failed to include or advocate the use of an Alternative School. There is a definite need for the existence of a committee of this nature to be the watchdog for the community; however, it should not suffer from inaction, but address the problem in its entirety.

Edward Long lives in Plainfield and is active in the community.

Child Watch...

Dr. Elders' Personal Mission

by Marian Wright Edelman

(NPN) — When Joycelyn Elders, M.D., was a young pediatric resident at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, she had a 12-year-old white girl as a patient. Dr. Elders was surprised that the girl began to cry when Dr. Elders told her she could leave the hospital. She told Dr. Elders she didn't want to go home because every Saturday night her brothers and daddy got drunk and used her and her sister.

"I said, 'You'll have to tell your mother,'" Dr. Elders recalls. She replied, "I tell my mother. She doesn't do nothing."

Dr. Elders didn't do anything, either, she said in a quiet voice. "I just discharged her and sent her home."

Ever since, said Dr. Elders, she has tried to make up for abandoning that young girl by doing all she can to move her state to deal wisely with the realities of human sexuality, and to give teenagers more options in managing their own sexual behavior.

talking to every kind of group," said Dr. Elders.

Her persistence is paying off. She convinced the legislature to require a kindergarten-through-high-school sex education program starting in 1989-90. The course includes issues of substance abuse, self-esteem, and human sexuality. And this spring she got the legislature to come up with money to increase to 40 the number of school health clinics in the state.

Dr. Elders is quick to acknowledge those in her life who taught her to set goals and aim high. First, an elementary school teacher who kept telling her students that she could be whatever they wanted if they studied. Although young Joycelyn's shattering family was very poor, she set her sights on becoming a lab technician.

Graduating from high school at age 15, she received a college scholarship. When her father worried about losing her contribution to the family income, Joycelyn's grandmother convinced her father that Joycelyn's seven younger brothers and sisters could fill in. They not only filled in, they picked cotton to help earn her bus fare to college. She remembers her little six-year-old sibling looking up at her as they picked and asking very seriously, "Do we have enough yet?" She decided at that moment she would help the rest of her brothers and sisters go to college — and she

did. Quite a different form of encouragement came from a biology professor who used shock tactics to keep her from dropping out of college when money was terribly scarce. He told her, "You'll pick cotton and you'll never get back to school." And finally there was the inspiration of listening as an undergraduate to the first black woman to look at the University of Arkansas Medical School, Dr. Elders said, "She was so dynamic, I decided at that moment I wanted to be a doctor."

Dr. Elders, committed to improving the future chances of adolescents never has been limited to her professional life. She is married to high school basketball coach Oliver Elders, who is a celebrity in his own right in Little Rock for his successful coaching and his work with young men. Together the Elders have been instrumental for many young men needing extra guidance and support. Eighty-seven boys from her husband's teams have gone on to college.

Now that her work on behalf of Arkansas teens is beginning to take hold, Dr. Elders is focusing more attention on health and preschool programs for young children, and parent support, and education. There is much to do, said Dr. Elders. To pay her debt to that young patient she once knew how to help.

Marian Wright Edelman is of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS



Plainfield student addresses statewide conference

MADISON—Sherice Koonce of Plainfield, a sophomore at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison campus, spoke on April 12 at the third annual statewide conference on "Curriculum Strategies for Race, Gender and Class Perspectives in a Global Society." The conference was sponsored by the New Jersey Multicultural Studies Project at Kean College in Union.

Koonce, an accounting major discussed—from a student's perspective—the value of the FDU

CORE program's ability to expand a student's view of diversity and individualism. In addition, Margaret Silkowski of Colts Neck spoke in appreciation of the multifaceted role of women in society

that FDU's CORE program displays. And Mark Sapara of Elizabeth discussed the value of the common experience that the CORE program provides all students at FDU.

The conference's guest speaker, Dr. James Standiford from the University of Michigan, commented: "The goal of multicultural studies is achieved when students react in this manner."

FDU's nationally recognized CORE curriculum consists of four integrated courses required of all undergraduates and designed to provide them with a common base of knowledge. Throughout the sequence of classes, students are exposed to some of the most basic issues that confront responsible members of the human community.



New Jersey's First Lady Lucinda Florio (left) congratulates Toshi Katsuyama of the Newark School of Industrial and Fine Art, winner of the art contest to display original work in the Garden State Arts program brochure. Toshi was also congratulated by NJ Highway Authority Chairman Robert A. Jablonski. The competition was open to the entire enrollment of the Newark School of Industrial and Fine Art of approximately 150 students including students from fifteen foreign countries.

Area high school students get \$1,000 Nets awards

EAST RUTHERFORD — Area Abrantes of Newark Sam Kim of Harrington Park were selected from over 500 New Jersey High School seniors to receive \$1,000 college scholarships by the New Jersey Nets. It was announced by Nets Executive Vice President Bob Casciola.

This is the eleventh season the National Basketball Association and the Nets have awarded scholarships to outstanding local high school seniors. The winners were among 60 students throughout the nation who will be recognized by the NBA and its 27 teams as part of the league's scholarship program, first started in 1980.

Abrantes and Kim were chosen by a panel of judges consisting of leading educators, sports journalists, and media personalities based on SAT scores, high school transcripts, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, and a 500 word essay on the subject, "The Importance of a College Education." Casciola presented certificates to the scholarship winners during a pre-game ceremony at Meadowlands Arena on April 16.

"We are very proud to award these two outstanding students with college scholarships which will be used to help further expand their academic capabilities," said Casciola. "We think education is a very important step in the development of our youth. Ana and Sam should be very proud to be selected from several hundred

very qualified applicants."

Abrantes, age 18, a senior at Newark's East Side High School, is academically ranked number one in her class out of 530 students and holds a 4.27 grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale). She also performed very well on the SAT Test, achieving a cumulative score of 1400. A member of the National Honor Society and Assistant Editor of East Side High School Newspaper, Abrantes is also captain of the school's tennis team. She plans to further her academic background next year by studying psychology in college, in pursuit of a career in psychiatry.

Kim, age 18, of Northern Valley Regional High School in Demarest, is ranked number one in his class of 195 and has achieved an SAT score of 1540. Kim is a National Merit Semifinalist and the captain of his school's Debate team. He is a two sport athlete, participating in varsity football, and serving as captain of the school's track team. Kim is also a member of the National Honor Society, and achieved a 4.667 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Kim plans on continuing his education next year at college in the field of history.

The Nets, in their continuing efforts to serve the growing needs of the community, are proud to recognize these two college-bound students and help them further their success in academia.

Calling all crafters of children's merchandise

PLAINFIELD — Festival for Kids invites all crafters of children's merchandise (specifically for children from birth to ten) to be a part of Handmade for Kids. The festival is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, June 29, at Plainfield High School in

Plainfield. Registration Deadline is June 1, 1991. Items should be priced between \$1 and \$25. Set

up begins at 6 a.m. and must be completed by 9 a.m. Fee is \$35. For more information call Festival hotline 201-761-1114.

CAN'T TOUCH THIS

Main Source: Looking at the Front door to Success

by Terry Benjamin

Main Source—The Large Professor (Paul Mitchell), K-Cut (Kevin McKenzie), Sir Scratch (Sean McKenzie)—step into the arena with "Breaking Atons," their debut album on Wild Pitch records, an independent record company that continues to be true to the street flavor of rap's early days. Although "Breaking Atons" is fresh out of the box, there are enough familiar elements to make this new release a sure fire hit with "starving like Marvin" hip hop fans who can't get enough of that "funky quest." Case in point: the first two singles released from this LP, "Watch Roger Do His Thing" and "Looking At The Front Door," have already earned critical acclaim.

"Watch Roger Do His Thing" is not your ordinary hip hop classic. This track celebrates intelligence, charting Roger's rise to success through education. The message: It's "hip to be square."

Question: Roger's life seems complete right?

That's what an education can and might do. It may sound corny but it's true: Roger does his thing and so can you.

So get your head out the sling. And watch Roger do his thing.

With brilliant keyboard work by J.D. Drumsticks (Roger Stevenson), this strong single and subsequent video impressed Stu Fine, president of Wild Pitch, that he immediately signed the trio to his label. His faith was rewarded with their hip hop masterpiece on male/female relationships, "Looking At The Front Door":

And when you're with your friends

We fight every night now that's not kosher
I reminisce with bliss of when we were closer
And wake up greeted by an argument again
You act like a ten

So immature I try to concentrate on a cure
And keep looking at the front door

Main Source Looking At The Front Door



I glide to the side 'til the spotlight
is mine And never
sabotage a good time
But when they're not around the
fight commence
I'm the one you're against and it
doesn't make sense.

Main Source stays close to its street roots with funky beats and intelligent lyrics. "Vamon A Rap" is a challenge to the competition, especially to those rappers who have tried to go pop with a more commercial sound. To those "weak M.C.s," the Large Professor offers this advice:

We built it up this far without
selling out
And still got clout
So you continue to sell and be a
rap

And when you're ready to snap
back
I'll tell ya, let's rap.

"Live At The Bar-B-Que" is a rap symphony featuring the Large Professor with rappers Nas, Joe Fiala, and Akinyele. On the solo tip is "Just Hangin Out" where the Large Professor raps humorously:

"I'm mainly known for the rough
rap/But kids said my lyrics like
huh caps/And eat 'em like sacks
of flap jacks/Like buck rags."

In a similar groove is "He Got So Much Soul" and the "Large Professor."

"Scratch & Kut" features the cutting and scratching genius of Sir Scratch and K-Cut, a musical interlude, a pause that refreshes.

The social commentary style

of rap has been developed and popularized by groups like Boosie Down Productions and Public Enemy. Main Source's contributions to this exciting genre include "Snake Eyes," "Just A Friendly Game Of Baseball," and "Peace Is Not The Word To Play."

Meditating on corruption in America, "Snake Eyes" is a metaphor with punch as the Large Professor raps: "I watch people roll dice in the jungle of concrete / Within 'em corrodes the streets / Where the girls get foul on the guys/Why? They roll snake eyes." Even more to the point is "Just A Friendly Game Of Baseball" where baseball is used to describe the often volatile relationship between cops and black youth: "Once a brother tried to take a leave/But they shot him in his face/Back he was trying to steal a base."

Unexpected samples characterize the style of Main Source, providing freshness to a widely used jazz samples provide a funky dance track for "Peace Is Not The Word To Play," a strong statement that defines the correct usage of the word peace:

I've seen people on the street
Shoot the next man and turn
around and say peace
But that's leaving people in pieces
It's not what the meaning of peace

is
To me it means absence of all
confusion.

The Large Professor, lyricist/rapper, born in Harlem, raised in Queens, is ably assisted by K-Cut and Sir Scratch two brothers from Toronto Canada, who later moved to Queens. The three met at John Bowne High School and now as Main Source, they are busy making hip hop history.

Mayor returns to Alma-Mater for Discover Africa Day

NEWARK—"Some 41 years ago, I attended the Miller Street school and it is a pleasure to come back and celebrate Discover Africa Day with you today," Mayor James told a bright-eyed group of fifth through eighth grade students at the Carter G. Woodson Foundation's Artists-In-The-Schools program.

The school hosted the The Carpentier Theatre Company for a stage performance of "Cris Cris!" a dramatic presentation of storytelling in the tradition of African tribal griots who were charged with the responsibility of learning and passing on the centuries-old stories of villages, clans, families, and great heroes.

In recognition of Discover Africa Day, Governor Florio commented by letter: "I commend the Woodson Foundation and the Newark School Board of Education for their efforts to expand student awareness through the Discover Africa Education Project. It is important for our children to gain greater exposure to the rich and diverse cultures of the African continent. The Project exposes them to new ideas, cultivates their desire to learn of new experiences and affords them the opportunity to study a culture which has heavily influenced American society."

Several Miller Street school



Miller Street School student speakers join their special invited guests during Discover Africa Day celebration. (l-r) Misty Waller, Sherrod Cullum, Maris McCormick, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Serrida Freeman, President of the Carter G. Woodson Foundation Phillip Thomas and Latoya Jackson

children delivered speeches on what Discover Africa meant to them. Mayor James presented a Proclamation declaring Discover Africa Day in Newark. He held the audience:

"The Discover Africa project offer activities that help black children develop a sense of racial pride and belonging. During these times

of racial tensions, understanding African and other ethnic cultures can help to bridge the gap between various groups. I commend the Woodson Foundation, the Board of Education and other groups affiliated with the Discover Africa Education Project for giving Newark grade school children a greater sense of African-American her-

itage, and the historical culture of Africa, the "Motherland" for all people."

The Woodson Foundation, with sponsorship from the Newark Board of Education, will implement the Discover Africa Education Project in twenty-three Newark elementary schools during the 1990-91 academic year.

National Youth Service Day in Newark

Citywide Parents Council

presents

Annual Parents and Kids Who Cook

Saturday
May 25, 1991
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Plainfield High School Cafeteria



Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently proclaimed National Youth Service Day in the City of Newark to recognize the many significant contributions made by young Americans. Youth members from the Boy's and Girl's Clubs, the International Youth Organization (IYO), the Girls Scouts (troop #917), and the Boys Scouts (troop #18) participated in the event.

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 8

TRENTON—"An Issue," a co-production of CTN and Religious Subcommunities will air on at 1:30 a.m. Discussion about War and Religion. For information call 609-392-4350.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

PLAINFIELD—The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church will hold their "Turnover Sale" today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall, 631 East Front Street. Good new and used adults and children's clothing, household items, jewelry, toys, novelties and more. Plus a snack bar. For information call 908-757-7825.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

TRENTON—"An Issue," a co-production of CTN's Religious Subcommunities will air on at 1:30 a.m. Discussion about War and Religion. For information call 609-392-4350.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

ENGLEWOOD—Second Annual Spring Revival at 7:15 p.m. Bethany Presbyterian Church. The Revival will continue through May 17. For more information call 201-569-5248.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

NEWARK—A special jazz and gospel concert, "Newark Gospel and Jazz: A Celebration of the City's Music" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Mary Birch Auditorium at Essex County College. A reception will precede the performance.

PATERSON—A Gospel Concert by United Presbyterian Gospel Choir 375 Van Houten St. Corner of Broadway & Graham Ave. 7 p.m. Donations for information call the location.

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest semi-final competition at Antioch Baptist Church on West 128th Street in Harlem. For information call 212-527-8800.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

PLAINFIELD—The Young Voice of Shalom presents a "Gospel Appreciation" for Gary Kirkwood, Pastor for 10 Years Dedication. Tickets \$7, \$9 at door 120 West 7th St church office. For information call 733-6767 or Gloria Logan at 754-9283.

Mayor Palmer publicizes need for foster parents for minority children

TRENTON — Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, of Trenton, recently hosted a press conference geared at publicizing the need for foster parents for minority children.

It is estimated that 65% of all the children in need of foster parents in the State of New Jersey are African-American. In Mercer County, there are presently an estimated 3,000 children under infancy and twelve years old under the supervision of the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). Approximately 85% of these are African-American children.

"There is a great need for foster parents for all infants and young children," Mayor Palmer said upon launching the campaign to increase awareness for this need. "Statistics of children in need of good homes are very dramatic. Even more dramatic is the fact that each one of these numbers represents a child who needs to be loved and nurtured in a secure family environment. We must open our hearts and our homes to ensure that these children grow up to be productive members of our society."

Mayor Palmer was joined at the event by New Jersey Human Services Commissioner Alan J. Gibbs, Acting DYFS Director Nicholas R. Scallera and a group of long time foster parents from the Trenton area who are recruiting

African-American foster parents for African-American youngsters in Mercer County.

In praising the honored foster parents Gibbs said, "These families have provided some of the many of us take for granted — a loving home to nurture, teach and protect children. Through their unselfish devotion, they have given a great gift of love to the children and to the community as well."

Activities for outreach and recruitment of foster parents will be carried out by the New Jersey Council of Urban League in four counties — Mercer, Middlesex, Union and Essex — with the Urban League of Essex County chiefly responsible for implementing the "Foster Care Recruitment Program."

Representing the Urban League were Melvin Brice, Jr., project director of the Urban League of Essex County, who is spearheading the foster care effort; and Paul Pinella of Metropolitan Trenton Urban League, who is participating in the project.

Information on being a foster parent may be obtained by calling the Urban League of Essex County at (201) 624-6600, or by calling your local Division of Youth and Family Services District Offices (Mercer County D.O.: (609) 895-0400).

Business in the Black...

Jamaica No Probl'm! Profit potential plentiful on Paradise Island

by Charles E. Belle

(NPA)—Jamaica is "open for business" according to Prime Minister Michael Manley. Mr. Manley saw a trade mission as far away from the adorable island in the sun as possible — California — to convey the message. Doing business in Jamaica means making a profit according to the Ambassador Special Envoy, Chief Trade Representative of Jamaica and Director of JAMPRO, Peter C.V. King, Kingston, Jamaica. Just to prove their point, the Prime Minister in a previous address to his parliament announced "a radical

change in direction which, among other things, involve the free play of market forces in the determination of prices." Profit in short is no longer a dirty word in Jamaica.

In fact, one can earn a rich high return on simple savings deposits in Jamaica's commercial banks. "For the first time in its history as an independent nation, Jamaica has opened the country to capital investments in foreign currency," according to the Honorable Hugh Small, Jamaica's Minister of Industry, Production and Commerce. Complete with new financial "A" and "B" accounts. The "A" accounts can be opened and maintained in US dollars, Canadian dollars and/or British pound sterling with interest paid in like currency.

Currently, the interest rate on such accounts is around 12% "A" accounts require a minimum deposit of U.S. \$100 and earn tax free interest with a time restriction to qualify for tax free status. Deposits can be made either directly to Jamaica's commercial banks or through their correspondent US banks. Maximum amount of deposit, however is \$10,000 per account. "B" Accounts are ideal savings plans for tourists since they pay higher rates, around 18%, but must be converted into Jamaican currency upon withdrawal.

What about a business or buying land in the luxurious island? Still no problem! No restrictions on purchase of property by foreigners and real land costs run only about \$1,000 an acre. A seal for starting to build upon. Unless you think Jamaica is just for tourists, think again. Apparel assembly and agriculture are prime sources of revenue for the island and opportunity for entrepreneurs. Everyone is entitled to a loan for developing a decent business.

Bulging with bucks, about U.S. \$3 billion to loan to be exact is 93% Financing. Facsimile Luis Cerar, Director, Washington Operations, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Economic Development Administration at FAX: 202-682-8904 or call Caribbean Partnerships for Partners, Peter Homes, Executive Director at 202-857-0620 for loans in the amount from one to ten million dollars at an interest rate of two points above prime. Prime Minister Manley put the trade mission out to put the word out that making a profit in Jamaica is no problem. Through the easiest way to get a start is to use JAMPRO, Jamaica's Economic Development Agency, by dialing Donna Ehard, Trade Commissioner, 212-371-4800, she is at JAMPRO's office 866 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

Children under stress need special care

by Dr. Diane K. Shrier

Stress is a fact of life—even in childhood. How children deal with stressful events has been a recent focus of the media because many youngsters either have had parents in the military who were stationed in the Persian Gulf or watched the conflict on television. But war is not the only event that can evoke significant anxiety in children.

Events that may cause a child to feel some degree of stress fall into three categories:

- Developmental or environmental events such as weaning, toilet training, starting school and the increasing demands for self control and responsibility as a child gets older.

- Disturbing events such as accidents, illness, or the death of a distant relative, or new events such as the birth of a sibling, moving to a new house and school, or the first summer camp experience.

- Major events such as extended hospitalization for surgery or chronic illness, a disabling accident, separation or divorce, family violence or death of a parent.

Adults often refer to stress as if it were a disease. But while stress can be damaging, and overwhelming at times, it has potential benefit for a child. It can build character and mobilize a child for a leap in maturity.

The amount of stress a traumatic event may produce varies from child to child. A child's reaction will also vary at any particular time in his or her life. When and to what extent a child feels stress is governed by a variety of biological, psychological, social, cultural and developmental factors as well as the nature of the event causing the stress.

If a child cannot handle a stressful development, he or she

may experience temporary behavioral difficulties such as bed wetting, temper tantrums or excessive fears and clinging. Nightmares can also occur. Whether the temporary reaction develops into chronic or severe emotional or behavioral problems often depends on how parents, or other adults whom the child trusts, react to the symptoms.

Parents are a child's auxiliary ego. They help the child to understand an experience and to distinguish reality and facts from fantasies and misunderstandings. They reduce anxiety and help a child calm down.

How they react to a potentially traumatic experience may either protect or overwhelm the child. How they handle the child's reaction may also have long-term impact on the child's ability to handle stressful situations.

Parents can do several things to help a child deal with stressful events:

- Educate yourself about how children think, feel and react at various stages of growing up. You'll have a better idea of what sorts of experiences are likely to be highly traumatic and what you can do to help your child.

- Be open, sharing and honest when talking about a traumatic event with a child no matter how old he or she is. Such an approach is important for building a child's

sense of trust in his parents and for strengthening the child's capacity to cope with adversity.

- Build the child's psychological immunity to stressful events by providing information and talking with a child in advance. For example, help a child understand grief by talking about the death of a friend's pet or a distant relative. The child so prepared may be less likely to be overwhelmed when a significant death occurs.

- If the child is having trouble coping, talk about the problem together in small doses. Provide factual information. Listen to how the child feels.

- If the child continues to have anxiety or behavioral changes or if the trauma was severe, parents should consider consulting an experienced child psychiatrist or other mental health professional.

Children have a remarkable ability to overcome adversity and cope with the inevitable stresses of childhood, but having caring, understanding support is a major asset.

Dr. Shrier is professor of both clinical psychiatry and pediatrics at the New Jersey Medical School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She lives in Montclair, NJ.



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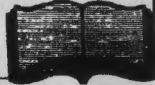
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NEWARK—Japanese Jazz Planet at Newark Public Library, 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 733-7792.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

NEWARK—Newark MediaWorks presents a movie *10:45 p.m.* Doors open at 8 p.m. General admission is \$4. For more information call 643-6877.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

RAHWAY—One-night-only performance of the Xavier Cugat Orchestra. Union County Expo Center, 135 E. of the G.S. Parkway, 1601 New St. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$17.50, and \$20 for more information call 499-8208.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

WAYNE—Willam Peterson College Concert Choir presents its annual spring program, 4 p.m. See Center admission is free. For more information call 596-2721.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

METUCHEN—Art Mischewitz at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main Street. The play will run through June 9. Ticket price range from \$17.50 to \$22.50. For more information call 568-5458.

NEWARK—Newark MediaWorks presents a movie *Centile Claude*. 4 p.m. 2 Washington Plaza at Broad St. 4th Floor 5:45 p.m. General admission \$5. Seniors and kids under 12 \$3. For more information call 643-6877.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

PATERSON—Joe Williams and Trio at Rosa Parks Arts High School, 7 p.m., sponsored by The Woodson Foundation. For more information call 201-242-0550.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

PLAINFIELD—The Crescent Area Neighborhood Association presents a 50% night benefit *Fires Free*. A Stock Hop 8-12 p.m. 6000 Highway 117 Westfield Avenue. Tickets: \$22.50 for more information call 769-9435.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

NEWARK—Newark MediaWorks presents a movie *Yvonne*. 4 p.m. 2 Washington Plaza at Broad St. 4th Floor 5:45 p.m. General admission \$5. Full-time students \$4.50 and seniors \$6. For more information call 643-6877.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

FREEHOLD—Shirley Chisholm to present spring concert, highlights from *Prizefighter*. 8 p.m. 1000 Main Street First Presbyterian Church. Tickets: \$9 general \$7 students/seniors. For information call 747-4562.

LETTERS

(Continued from page 4)

an objective proliferated to fruition," it must be predicated on a set of procedures consistent to that application. To believe, then, that God's word relative to your circumstance" act, and receive is the faith formula. This formula can be depicted in a separate realm and subject to different requirements other than those so eloquently illuminated in your article. Your pretext "scientific proof, common sense, and perceived senses" which would include one's emotional feeling are not a prerequisite in this formula and therefore it does not apply.

In your article it is suggested to objectively measure a "reality" or existence through logical reasoning or some other phenomenon. Given the conditions set forth and mentioned herein one might find their plight nebulously cloudy. More like, attempting to mix apples and oranges. They do not mix. This very fact is the primary reason, for centuries scholars and the scholarly have been baffled and will continue to be astonished. So to dilute or taint this process as you have ubiquitously advocated "having scientific proof, common sense, or some other perceived sense as a method of measurement would only coddle, disrupt, circumvent, and convolute the process. Moreover, stymie, short circuit, and impede one's faith from launching into action.

It can be inferred from your article you are in need of cleansing brainwashing and you are a non-believer in search of clarity and veracity.

Kevin Sanders
Newark, NJ

Dance Africa Americana and outdoor bazaar at Symphony Hall

NEWARK — Dance Africa Americana, the final presentation in Newark Symphony Hall's current "Best of America Dance" in its "Love of the Hall" series will be given on Saturday evening, May 18 at 8 p.m. in the Second Floor Theater. It will be preceded by a day long outdoor bazaar beginning at 11 a.m. until seven p.m. in the Hall's Brownstone Park at 1020 Broad Street, Newark.

The day long outdoor bazaar will feature food, clothing, jewelry, and other articles of over seventy authentic vendors. The plethora of products represents the best in African, Caribbean and African-American taste traditions a glorious celebration of their culture.

The Rod Rodgers Dance Company and Ladybug Sango, two African-American dance groups will be featured in the evening dance program at eight. Both companies are New York City based and have toured worldwide. They represent the best of African and American dance, music and performance traditions. The Rodgers company is now in its twentieth season. One of its signature pieces is "Poets and Peacemakers," dedicated to broader understanding and appreciation of the rich legacy of historical figures including: Langston Hughes,

George Washington Carver, Martin Luther King, Jr., Duke Ellington and others.

Ladybug Sango is comprised for four women: Ahmondylia Best, Titi Giraud, Pat Hall-Smith and Pam Patrick. With their own home-made instruments and in African dress, they sing and dance to a unique merging of African music with familiar idioms as blues and jazz. Sangoma is Zulu for "One aware of the spirit of her ancestral heritage."

Tickets for the evening performance are \$15. For more information and sales: 201-643-8009.

Tony Martin to speak at the Plainfield Public Library

PLAINFIELD — Dr. Tony Martin will be the guest speaker of the Langston Hughes Lecture Series on Sunday, May 19, 1991. The presentation will take place from 3 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Martin will be speaking on "Malcolm X and Marcus" an integrated analysis of the ideology and life works of Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Marcus Garvey. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Tony Martin is professor and chair in the Department of Black Studies at Wesleyley College. Dr. Martin is noted for his extensive research and analysis of Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Martin, a prolific author, has written books, pamphlets and articles including: *Race First: The Ideological and Organizational Strug-*

gles of Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association (1976), *The Pan-African Connection* (1983) and *African Fundamentalism: A Literary Anthology of the Garvey Movement* (1989). Martin's current research efforts include: "Audrey Jeffers and the Coirer of Social Workers," a full length biography of one of the most outstanding women in the history of the Anglophone Caribbean; and "The Universal Negro Improvement Association in Colorado Springs, Colorado," an article.

Martin has held several professional editorships including Pan-African Journal, Journal of African-African American Affairs and Black Studies at Wesleyley. He is the recipient of many awards, among those being the Marcus Garvey Award and the Marcus Garvey Centennial

Sonny Jim Gaines stars in his 'Folks Remembers a Missing Page'

NEWARK — James E. "Sonny Jim" Gaines, one of America's Theater's most prominent actors will debut in his own "Folks Remembers a Missing Page" in the Second Floor Theater at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street, Newark, Thursday, May 30 through Sunday, June 2 as the Black Theater Surprise in its American Theater Festival.

Harlem native Gaines, an original member of The New Lafayette Theater there, was recently featured on Broadway in *"Boyz n the City"*. He has written for himself a personal revisit of the glory days of Harlem through the eyes of a homeless elder citizen he calls "Folks." His intimate and colorful encounters of a Harlem past are related to Harlem today.

Sonny Jim began his career at age ten with the Harlem Boys Club. His performance in *"Boyz n the City"* on Broadway, his role in *"Rainbow Shaw"* at the Afro American Studio attracted the

attention of the New Lafayette group, and he won an Obie Award for his performance in *"Ed Bullins' The Fabulous Miss Marjorie"*. He is also noted for his portrayal of Julius Caesar at the Public Theater, work in Ron Milner's "What the Whistle Sings" at Lincoln Center, in Richard Wesley's "The Tenth" at City Center, and Crossroads' production of "Black Eagles." On television he appeared in "Freedom Road" with Mohamed Ali; with Esther Rolle, Diana Carroll and Ruby Dee in Maya Angelou's "I Know My Cagid Bird Sings" and in Wesley's "Sophisticated Gent's."

As a playwright he is credited with seven plays and three screenplays. Two of his works won awards: Drama Desk for "Don't Let It Go To Your Head" and an Obie for "What If It Turned Up Heads."

Plainfield's own Lucky and Lauren appear at Lilly's

PLAINFIELD—He convinces an audience member to join him on stage. He asks the rest of the audience to shout out random words of their choices. They reply by shouting out various and sometimes bizarre dialogues without hesitation. He performs a complete comic situation using the audience's exact words or implications. The situations are always different, but the results are the same: hilarious comedy! His name is Lilly Lawson, Jr. and the improvisational scene is called, "You Name It."

"You Name It" is one of the many comic character situations performed in "Wanted For Comedy" on Thursday, May 9, at Lilly Greenleaves in downtown Plainfield. Others include: "Mary's Lamb," "The Devil Made Me Do It," "P.O.W.," and the "Sonny Weather."

U Don't Know Me But I'm Famous, a promotional entertainment division of MLP Enterprises, will showcase Lauren Lawson at Miller Lucky, Jr.'s "Wanted For Comedy" on the same evening.

Lawson is an aspiring recording artist with an "R's Vogue" look and a voice to match.

Doors open at 8 p.m.; show time at 9 p.m.; with reservation;

510 at the door. Call (908) 287-1261 for information.

Planning Committee to meet

The Langston Hughes Lecture Series program planning committee will meet in the Plainfield Public Library on May 14 at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and present suggestions for the 1991-92 season.

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Committee of Jamaica (New York) Award.

In 1987 Martin served as expert witness, United States House of Representatives, House Judiciary Committee, Sub-committee on Criminal Justice, hearings on a bill to exonerate Marcus Garvey.

Martin received his B.A. and Ph.D. in History (African/American/Caribbean History) from Michigan State University; he received his B.S. degree in Economics from the University of Hull, England; and received his Barriester-at-Law degree from the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, London, England.

For more information and directions to the Plainfield Public Library please contact Ms. Carolyn Logan, day 908/521-4958 or evening, 908/561-1696. Katherine Bankole, day 908/597-2015 or evening 908/755-5463.

The performance schedule is Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 30, 31 and June 1 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, June 1 at 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 2 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and may be reserved at the Box Office: 201 643 8009 or TicketMaster: 201 507 8900.

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Success Takes Pressure Off Ralph Tresvant: Some of the pressure is finally off of Ralph Tresvant. His long-awaited solo debut album has gone platinum, and the singles "Sensitivity" and "Cold Gentlemen" as smash hits. Fact is, Ralph Tresvant should be sleeping easy these days. His album has lived up to expectations, placing him in the same solo league as Johnny Gill, BBD, and Bobby Brown, and part of the reason things have gone so smoothly (despite the album's long delays), was that Ralph learned from the mistakes that New Edition made. Indeed, learning from mistakes in the past is something all the members of New Edition will have to do if they are to have that reunion they all keep talking about. Apparently, there was some friction with other New Edition members when it first came out that Tresvant wanted to go solo. And in an interview with the L.A. Times, BBD expressed long-held frustrations about this way they were treated as part of New Edition, with Michael Bivins saying that "BBD was not going to be in the background anymore". Ricky Bell added that Bobby, Ralph, and Johnny had gotten all the good vocal parts. That situation is something Ralph is fully aware of. "I was like the lead singer," Tresvant says. Bobby Brown was like the lead singer. So that was like tension to the guys, and a lot of the group members used to feel that nobody knew their role. Now, that they have their career, that's been satisfied, so when we get together, we just work on New Edition and make sure that happens." Offstage, Ralph's life is full. He and longtime girlfriend Shelly have a seven-month old baby daughter, Na'Queste. But he's not in a hurry to get to the altar. He's still coming to grips with his parents' divorce. His father moved back to Boston and his mother lives in Los Angeles. Yet, even though his parents' marriage didn't work out, he's not lost his strong family ties. Says Tresvant, "I'm very family-oriented." Indeed, Ralph Tresvant is one young brother who's holding it all together. With his long delayed album holding its own against the product put out by Bobby Brown, Johnny Gill, and BBD, Ralph's got nothing else to prove. That is, until the next time around...
From the P&T (People, Places & Things) File: George Jackson and Doug McHenry, the producers of "New Jack City" have locked up an eight-film deal with Warner Brothers. The duo will produce a slate of films ranging from thrillers to action and hip hop projects. Most of the films will focus on the urban or African-American experience. Two projects on the drawing board are: "Funky Mannevers," the story of kids who end up in the military; and "Clockin' The Beat," the tale of an underground rapper who investigates the disappearance of a rap artist. Right now, Jackson and McHenry are at work on "House Party II"...Ernest Dickerson, whose Spike Lee's cinematographer, is set to make his directing debut with "Juice". Filming is already underway in New York City and in the cast is En Vogue's Cindy Herron and "2-Pac" from Digital Underground...Caron Wheeler's make a splash with her solo album, "U.K. Black". In the midst of her success the introspective singer recently revealed a horrible secret she's been keeping for seven years. According to reports in "The Voice", an English newspaper, Wheeler told another publication, "The Guardian," that she is the mother of a 7-year-old boy, who was taken from her by the court after she shook him violently. After the incident her son Nosta was diagnosed as having cerebral palsy and brain damage. Wheeler was found guilty of grievous bodily harm and given a two-year suspended sentence and mandatory psychiatric counseling. The singer is not allowed to see her son, who is being raised by foster parents...
Feedback Line: In response to the many listeners calling in after seeing HBO's "Josephine Baker Story", with their own suggestions on biopics of black entertainment greats, here's some good news. Sammy Davis Jr. left film rights to his 1965 autobiography, "Yes I Can" to his daughter Tracy, who is now pursuing the project with Suzanne DePasse, head of GordyDePasse Productions. GordyDePasse Productions is also working on a script on the life of Marvin Gaye. It's called "The Divided Soul: The Marvin Gaye Story". And a Los Angeles-based independent film company has a Dorothy Dandridge movie in the works. Got a question or a comment on any RadioScope story, just call the Feedback Line at (213) 257-2354.

'Coming Home' 12th Annual Poetry Program at Newark Library

NEWARK — The Newark Public Library's Twelfth Annual Poetry Program, "Coming Home," will take place on Saturday, May 11, at 1 p.m. in Centennial Hall. The keynote reader for the afternoon is Tol Derricotte, a distinguished poet, who will read from her three published collections.

Ms. Derricotte's poetry has been widely acclaimed. Of her most recent collection, *Captivity*, Sharon Olds wrote: "This is one of the most beautiful and necessary voices in American poetry today." Publishers Weekly notes: "Derricotte smoothly blends personal history, invention and reportage in her focus on the black female experience as a springboard for a broader consideration of subjugation." Audre Lorde says of Native Birth: "Because the power of her images breeds visions which are neither easy nor escapable, Tol Derricotte moves us ... through words some black women have always known, but at times suspected lie only on the insides of our own eyelids.

Refurbishing continues at Library

NEWARK — The first phase of the renovation of the Main Library of the Newark Public Library is nearing completion. The second floor public service area housing the Humanities and Pure, Applied, and Social Sciences Divisions, References Divisions, and the Periodical Reading Room has now reopened to the public.

"We regret the inconvenience the renovation has caused the public," Dr. Alex Boyd, Library director apologized. "However, we are sure they will understand our enthusiasm for the refurbished areas. We welcome visitors to the newly completed second floor divisions," he concluded.

Newark Public Library is at 5 Washington Street.

The pain does not exceed the power." Adrienne Rich notes: "Her words touch the reader as life has touched her, soul and body. This is a strong, sensuous, original, courageous book."

Ms. Derricotte is a recipient of two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, grants from the New Jersey State Council on Arts, and the Maryland State Arts Council. She is a recipient of the Lucille Medwick Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America, a Pushcart Prize, and the Folger Shakespeare Library Poetry Committee Book Award. Her work has appeared in many journals.

The poet is Associate Professor of English at Old Dominion University, and in 1990-1991, the Commonwealth Professor of English literature at George Mason University.

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MORRISTOWN — Community Professional Programs, Madison Hotel. 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. cost is \$70. For more information call 201-326-6050 between 8-4 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

NEW BRUNSWICK — Business Briefing on Succession Planning. Hiltz at Regency 7:30 a.m. \$80 per person, \$30 each additional employee/family. RSVP required. For information call 212-415-7955.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

UNION — Adult Advisory, a community service of Keen College is offering free evening workshop for adults considering re-entrance college. For information call 527-2210.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

CHERRY HILL — Motivating the Workforce 2000. 9-10:30 a.m. Find out how to motivate a diverse workforce, while maintaining your competitive edge. Cherry Hill Industrial Park, Flukeet Bldg. #14, Easterbrook & Springdale Rds. \$25 advance registration, \$30 same day registration. For more information call 609-227-7200 ext. 273, or 800-336-6993.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

NEWARK — How to Write an Effective Business Plan. Englehart Hall, Rm. 215E, 92 New St. \$15. Checks payable to Rutgers Univ. Must be mailed with registration form. For information call 649-5550.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

SECAUCUS — Armed Forces Day, 8 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast. Seminar 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (includes lunch). Meadowlands Hilton Hotel. For information contact Public Relations Dept., Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

RUTHERFORD — Business Briefing on Succession Planning. Sheraton, Meadowlands 7:30 a.m. \$80 per person, \$30 each additional employee/family. RSVP required. For information call 212-415-7955.

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by William Reed

(NNPA) — It is time for people of color to carry our own so that more of our color can carry on now and into the future. If my brother is in trouble, so am I and it is up to me to help him while I help myself. As the world becomes more of a "global village" and we reach across the waters to help our kids and kin in the Mohairland shouldn't we be more informed and intelligent in our actions to help the people of color in Africa?

Recently more than 500 African-American civil rights, business and political leaders went back to Africa to hold a three-day conference aimed at strengthening ties between America and the African continent. Billed as "the first-ever African-American/African Summit," the assembly in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, was designed to help African interests among policy and decision-makers in the U.S. The summit's organizer, civil rights leader Rev. Leon Sullivan, and the West, of ignoring the problems of Africa and called on Black Americans and Africans to re-emphasize ties of race and heritage and to assume greater responsibility for Africa's development.

Sullivan, author of the Sullivan Principles for fair employment guidelines for U.S. companies in South Africa, believes that more of us can carry on if we develop better ways to carry our own. But he knows that American ignorance about Africa hinders our ties and hampers our outreach toward African development efforts. Unlike the white community's linkages to Eastern Europe,

people of color know little about the actual conditions, leaders or wishes of the people of color in Africa.

The average Black American's knowledge and contacts into Africa doesn't extend much beyond the apartheid issue in South Africa. And in this case our knowledge and actions prompt an illustration by using the story about the man fighting the bear. If in our nation what we've done to help in South Africa is similar to the assistance we would give the man fighting the bear, he would say "help the bear." Few of us know that there are over 40 countries in Africa, and it is evident that most African-Americans don't know that Black South Africans have the highest per capita annual incomes on the continent.

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James names Convention Center task force

NEWARK — Mayor Sharpe James has appointed a Task Force to come up with a plan for a convention center in New Jersey's largest city.

William Tremayne, president of the Newark Economic Development Corporation and senior vice president for public affairs of the Prudential Insurance Company, has been named to head the panel.

James noted, "In recent years, Newark, with its wonderful location, outstanding transportation network and ever-expanding economic development, has seen major growth in business travel and the hotel industry."

We believe this activity, spurred by the expansion of domestic and international flights at Newark International Airport, supports the need for a meeting and convention center," he stated.

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COAH Releases New Eligibility Figures For Low and Moderate Income Housing

TRENTON — The 1991 income eligibility figures to qualify for low and moderate income housing in New Jersey have been released by the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH). The figures also determine the initial pricing and the resale of affordable units.

In some counties, such as Essex, Hudson, Morris, Sussex and Union, the income limits rose up 10 percent. For example, in Morris County the 1991 median income is listed as \$48,100, with a family of four earning less than \$38,480 a year eligible for affordable housing. In 1990, the Morris County median income was \$43,700, with a family of four earning less than \$34,960 annually eligible for low and moderate income housing.

The numbers are based on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates. Family size adjustments were made by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) for COAH, the state agency designated in the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act to determine income eligibility for low and moderate income housing.

Under the Fair Housing Act, low income housing is defined as that which is affordable to households with a gross household income equal to 50 percent or less of the median gross income for households of the same size within a housing region.

Moderate income housing means housing affordable to people with a gross household income equal to more than 50 percent but less than 80 percent of the median income.

Under COAH's guidelines, after a down payment of 10 percent, the monthly principal, interest, taxes, insurance and utilities minimum fees of low and moderate income units cannot exceed 28 percent of an eligible gross monthly income. For rental units, the rents, including utilities, are not to exceed 30 percent of the gross monthly income for the appropriate household size.

In Hudson County the median income has risen from \$32,100 in 1990 to \$35,300 in 1991 with a family of four earning less than \$28,240 now eligible for affordable housing.

The smallest percentage increase and the lowest income limits in the state were in Cum-

berland County. Over the last year, the median income increased only 1.6 percent in this southern New Jersey county, going from \$30,800 in 1990 to \$31,300 in 1991. Thus, a family of four earning less than \$25,040 qualifies for affordable housing.

Salem County, also southern New Jersey, saw a 3.8 percent increase, going from a 1990 median income of \$40,000 to \$41,500 for 1991. The eligibility limit for low and moderate income housing for a family of four is \$33,200.

Bergen County in northeastern New Jersey had a 9.8 percent increase with the median income at \$52,700 for 1991 as compared to \$48,000 in 1990. A family of four would have to earn less than \$42,160 a year to qualify for affordable housing.

In central New Jersey, Mercer County also had a 9.8 percent increase, going from \$44,100 for the 1990 median income to \$48,400 for 1991 with an income limit of \$38,720 for a family of four to be eligible for low and moderate income housing.

Middlesex County saw a 8.8 percent increase with the 1990 median income set at \$49,100 and the 1991 median, \$53,400. To qualify for affordable housing, a family of four would have to earn less than \$42,720 in Middlesex County.

For more information or to receive a copy of the income limits, contact Deborah Fernandez, public information secretary, COAH, CN 813, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0813.

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ment," and "build a more powerful lobby" for African interests in the U.S. we have to be careful that this "help" does not follow the folly of the economic precedent we've set in South Africa. While war was raging in Liberia and Angola; famine was killing tens of thousands in the Sudan and Ethiopia; government strife and destabilization was occurring within Malawi, Mozambique, Somalia and other countries. Naïve black Americans were "throwing the baby out with the bathwater" by pushing for economic sanctions to put the people on the continent out of work. With more information about Africa, African-American future efforts toward that continent will have more focus around basic issues of war, pestilence and famine to go with our idealistic universal political enfranchisement.

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Moderland we need direct information regarding and while newspaper reports from Africa have as much reality as Tarran movies. To initiate direct dialogue toward African development, businesspeople, teachers, and interested parties should contact: the Reconstruction Coalition Committee for Liberia, P.O. Box 369, Washington, WA 22474; (202) 871-7476; International Exchange Network, #1050, 1101 14th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005; (202) 371-1313; African American Coalition, #209, 1100 6th St., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20004; (202) 488-7830.

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Newarkers approve \$495.9 mil budget

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North Ward elementary school has been proposed and renovation to roofs, walls and windows at of elementary school and Weogahic High School will also be implemented.

There were eighteen candidates running for the nine-member board of which only one seat was vacant. Two incumbents, Evelyn Williams and Eleanor Coppola George were re-elected. Guillermina Cruz, who will be the only Hispanic member on the board, obtained the third seat.

The candidates outlined their agendas in a local newspaper several days before the election. Williams, a board member for six years stated, "my single objective is to serve the needs of our children."

I strongly believe that we have to turn sharply away from an over-emphasis on basic skills and begin to provide our students with a comprehensive education that stresses both academic and social skills development," she said.

Providing the children with a well-rounded education, one which will prepare them to compete in the workforce, should be the mission of the BOE, according to Williams.

George, currently the board's first vice president and a BOE member for 10 years stated, "my primary duty is to introduce policies that lead to realistic education goals being set and achieved in a fiscally responsible manner."

Goodie favors a multicultural curriculum and intends to encourage her colleagues to consider implementing a curriculum that focuses on international issues. "New standards must be applied to in-service training for teaching staff. Additionally, our training efforts must be refined and expanded. These steps would make teaching more effective, learning more substantial, and go a long way toward developing an effective support system," she added.

Cruz, presently an Essex County College student and a member of Hispanic Families for

a Better Education stated, "I want to help the poor and the minorities by providing programs that will help them succeed in school."

Among the extensive list of things Cruz intends to accomplish is a decrease in the dropout rate in the community, reinforcement of basic skills in areas of reading and math in the elementary grades, support of bilingual education, and development of programs to increase parental involvement and participation in all aspects of their children's education.

All of the newly elected members support the QEA and emphasized the fact that a state fiscal moratorium is stationed at the Newark BOE to insure the money is allocated properly.

Kirk Smith, public information officer for the superintendent's office, "The turnout of voters was slightly smaller by one-half of a percentage point. We hoped for a larger turnout because this was the first year sample ballots were mailed to the households."

Eugene Campbell, superintendent of schools said, "I would like to thank the voters of Newark for expressing their confidence in the school district by approving the school budget and the bond question."

In a statement issued to *CITY NEWS*, Mayor Sharpe said, "It is clear that the public is ambivalent about the school budget. While they do not want disruption and chaos in the system, at the same time, they are concerned about the rising cost of education and decreasing levels of performance by our students."

"We are spending more money and getting less for it, surely a dilemma for our citizens," he added. "Unless an increase in parent attendance at PTA meetings and visits to their children's schools occurs, as opposed to allowing special interest groups to dominate the meetings, the city will continue to witness increasing costs and lower performance levels, according to the mayor."

African-American Newspaper in Metropolitan Newark

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A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 1991 at 10:00 A.M., Local Time at the office of the ACUA Administration Building, 1701 Aberdeen Boulevard, Atlantic City, N.J. Bidders are cautioned to obtain and review the specifications well in advance of this conference. At this conference, the Authority will consider all requests for technical modifications to the specifications and, if necessary, issue an addendum covering the points raised in the pre-bid conference. After this conference, addenda will not be issued to cover routine technical issues or interpretations.

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This project is funded in part by the Philadelphia Infrastructure Trust Bond Act Program and the successful bidder must comply with all provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-9.1 et seq. of the participation in the Philadelphia Infrastructure Trust Bond Act Program and by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (SEDI).

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THE ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
RICHARD S. DOVEY, PRESIDENT
BY: MICHAEL H. HAYES, RPPQ, PURCHASING AGENT.

4-24-91

LEGAL NOTICE

REFRIGERATORS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown, hereinafter called the Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administration Office of the Authority located at 1001 1st Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey, on May 10th 1991 at 10 A.M. prevailing time. All bids will be opened public and read aloud at that time for 58 Refrigerators (FROST FREE) NJ0203005 for a single complete contract. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the following amounts:

BID	AMOUNT
Over \$200,000	\$20,000
\$200,000 - 400,000	\$20,000
Over \$400,001	5%

Bids must be accompanied by consent surety regardless of whether a check or Bid Bond is submitted. All Bonds and Consents of Surety must be written by Surety Companies listed in the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury.

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All Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the Laws of the State of New Jersey, must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127 which relate to "Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action", and Public Law 1977, c. 32, which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

Lawrence R. Jackson
 Executive Director
 Morristown Housing Authority

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CITY SPORTS

Spann, Brown bring civic pride to Plainfield

by Fern Taylor

Grant Avenue Community Center was abuzz with civic pride recently as the community honored two of its most celebrated citizens, boxers Glenwood Brown and Tracy Spann.

The small, intimate family-type atmosphere seemed to uplift the hearts of both Spann and Brown as the two buddies circled about, signing autographs, giving hugs and entertaining the crowd.

Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell, told the boxers, "We love you, support you and are very proud of you. You'll always have a home to come back to," adding, "I'm a praying man, and I hope that every night you get on

your knees and pray."

"This is a day that should be a part of your history," said Larry Hazzard, New Jersey Boxing Commissioner. "For once, we are recognizing our own for their accomplishments."

Brown, 23, and Spann, 26, both products of the Second Street Youth Center boxing team run by John Davenport and Albert Mills, are on the verge of becoming world champions.

Brown (33-1, 24 knockouts) has a scheduled date with Simon Brown on June 28th for the IBF and WBC welterweight championship. If, as reports indicate, Simon Brown decides to relinquish his belt to move to another weight class, the "Real Deal" will fight Buddy McGirt for the title.

Spann (26-0, 20 knockouts) has just needed to be a little different, and give that little extra." Other highlights of the evening were a youth karate demonstration by Minaj-Kai Dojo and a stirring rendition of "Inseparable" by Lauren Larsen.

Plainfield pride came bursting through in the fighter's remarks. "I was born here, I was raised here, and I'll always be Glenwood Brown from Plainfield," said Brown. "When I get in that ring, you know what I'm gonna do. It's going to be 'Real Deal' time."

Said Spann, "This is a very happy moment for me. I'm enjoying this. I want to thank God for giving me the strength and the determination to carry on. I love Plainfield. I was born and raised here. Hey, what can I say?"

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Payne to hold hearings

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to attend.

At Payne's request, members of the House Subcommittee on Select Education will travel from Washington to Newark to hear testimony from health professionals, advocates for children, and representatives of community organizations about the plight of abandoned infants.

Payne plans to introduce a major legislative initiative in Congress to assist babies who are abandoned by their parents because of drug addiction, AIDS infection, or other problems.

"This hearing will provide an excellent opportunity for members of our community who are directly involved in caring for abandoned infants to share their experiences and suggestions with the Subcommittee," Payne said. "Hospital resources are being stretched to the limit as over-worked healthcare professionals

try to give boarder babies the care and attention they need. The information gathered at the congressional hearing will help us draw up a plan of action to bring much needed relief to caregivers and give abandoned infants a chance to succeed despite the unfortunate circumstances under which they begin life."

Those invited to testify at the hearing include Health Commissioner Frances Dunston and Bernard Dickens, President of United Hospitals Medical Center as well as several other health care professionals and representatives of community-based organizations. In addition, recipients of federal grants for demonstration projects will discuss their efforts to assist families by providing comprehensive services for parents and infants.

Mother's Day tributes

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joining us from area senior citizens Centers as honored guests.

Mothers from the metropolitan area can share this special day with Lou Rawls, one of the most popular, most distinctive recognizable voices of our time. Rawls, who was raised by his grandmother and grew-up in Chicago, joined the choir of the

Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church when he was seven, attending church every Sunday with her.

This did not prevent him however, from enjoying more worldly music, and he frequented the south side's Regal Theater, catching Billy Eckstine, Arthur Prysock and other R&B greats. Even as an adolescent, his friends included Sam Cooke, Curtis Mayfield, members of the Staple Singers, the Flamingos, the Dells and the Impressions.

Since signing with Capitol Records in 1960, Rawls has produced a steady body of work which has proven to be timeless. The success of his singles like "Love Is A Hard Thing" and "Your Good Thing (Is About To End)," and ground breaking albums like *Lou Rawls Live*, *Lou Rawls Sings*, *Lou Rawls Carries On*, *Too Much*, and *That Lou*, put him in the league of the top sellers of the day.

Mayor Sharpe James commended by saying, "It gives me both pride and pleasure to have Lou Rawls in Newark, New Jersey. His unsurpassed talent, embodies much of what the city has strived to achieve with the revitalization of Newark's excellence. Our Cultural Renaissance is the result of a public and private sector effort to make culture paramount in the lives of the people who live and work here."

The Mayor concluded by

adding, "Newark in its heyday was a jazz mecca. This wonderful city still resonates with the spirit and the musical legacy left to us by jazz greats such as Duke Ellington, Woody Shaw, Wayne Shorter and others. It's a joy to have Mr. Rawls with us, as we pay tribute to the many mothers who should be honored throughout the year."

A V.I.P. Reception, sponsored by Amheuser-Busch Companies will be held in honor of the day's guests from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. The concert will follow immediately after, at 5:30 p.m. Guests attending the reception will have an opportunity to meet their host, Lou Rawls.

The V.I.P. gathering will also offer: hors d'oeuvres, champagne, beer, and a special Mother's Day gift package. Tickets are \$20.00 and include both the Reception and V.I.P. seating at the 5:30 p.m. concert performance. For additional ticket information call JAZZ 88 at (201) 624-8880.

Additionally, there will be a second performance of the Lou Rawls Mother's Day Concert. The evening's second performance will be held at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets for concert performances are \$22.50 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Call (201) 643-8009 for concert performance tickets only.

Dr. Dorothy Height to speak at Mother's Day observance

NEWARK—Franklin-St. John's Church on Maple and Keer Avenue will observe its annual Mother's Day Worship Service on Sunday, May 12, at 11:00 a.m. The church doors will open at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Dorothy I. Height, national president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and past president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be the guest speaker. While working as a counselor for the Welfare Department in New York, Dr. Height joined the NCNW in 1937 and her career as a pioneer in civil rights unfolded. She served on the national staff of the YWCA of USA from 1944 to 1977.

Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell, pastor of Franklin-St. John's said "Dr. Height's presence and words will give encouragement to the Beloved Community on how to strengthen the black family via programs and education. Mothers, fathers and youth will experience hope when they hear Dr. Height." The public is cordially invited to attend.

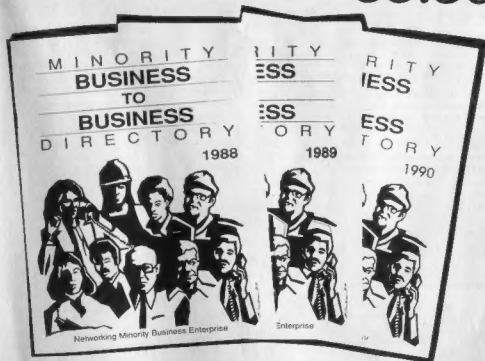
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Racism charged

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creation last month of an executive level position, filled by a white woman. He contends this is essentially the same job eliminated two years ago, then held by a black woman.

Two years ago the Authority hired Odella T. Welch, a black woman to fill the newly created position of Deputy Director of Administration. They also hired a white man, Anthony Frate to fill the new job of Director of Operations. Both jobs paid \$90,000. Governor Florio, then a candidate for office, stated his opposition to the new positions, saying they would be a waste of taxpayer's money.

Once elected, Florio ordered Chairman Robert Jablonski to abolish the positions. Jablonski asked Robinson if he had objections to keeping the white man, who was a Democrat, and eliminating the post held by the black woman, who was a Republican. Robinson said he was "incensed at the idea of eliminating the position held by the black woman," and the Chairman decided to abolish both positions.

Another grievance held by Robinson concerns the two people who were hired recently to fill

the positions of staff attorney and director of central purchasing. Both jobs pay \$65,000. "No Blacks or Hispanics were considered for either position," Robinson said.

New Jersey Highway Authority employs about 14,000 people and controls an annual budget close to \$180 million. About 200 workers are based at the agency's headquarters in Newark. "Approximately 15 to 20 people are middle to upper management," said Robinson.

Of the top management-level staff, "only one is Black," said Robinson, referring to Willie Jones who was recently promoted to the position of Personnel Director. Robinson said that when Jones was promoted, taking the place of a white man, the salary on the position was cut by several thousand dollars.

New Jersey Highway Authority, an autonomous government agency, describes its own jobs and sets its own salaries. The Governor appoints the Chairman of the Commission and has the power to veto the agency's actions within ten days of receiving its minutes.

The only black to serve on the Commission in its 35-year his-

tory, Robinson was the one who pushed, with strong opposition, for an affirmative action policy in 1985. Now he says "it's a totally meaningless policy with no one to enforce it."

Dennis Ingollia, Director of Public Affairs, said "in terms of affirmative action, the Authority has had a long-standing stated commitment and written plan. I know it is the intention of the Chairman of this Authority hire minorities."

However, Ingollia said as of the end of the first quarter of 1991, 90 employees are classified as officials, administrative or professional staff, and of this group, "there are seven blacks, one Asian and 82 whites." Chairman Jablonski was appointed two years ago.

Discrimination at the New Jersey Highway Authority can be alleviated if the Chairman and/or Governor decide to take affirmative actions. This week Robinson sent a letter to Chairman Jablonski, detailing his concerns, and awaits the chairman's reply. As Ingollia pointed out, the Commissioners speak for themselves. Chairman Jablonski was not available for comment at press time.

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